

## **Assembly Bill No. 2369**

### **CHAPTER 904**

An act to amend Section 15624 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2369, Hagman. Elections: voter-requested recounts.

Existing law establishes procedures by which a voter may request a recount of the votes cast in an election following completion of the official canvass. Under existing law, the voter seeking the recount is required, before the recount is commenced and at the beginning of each subsequent day, to deposit with the elections official the amount of money required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day.

This bill would modify and apply these provisions to the campaign committee, as defined, that is represented by the voter filing the request to seek a recount.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 15624 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

15624. The voter or the campaign committee, as defined in Section 82013 of the Government Code, represented by the voter filing the request seeking the recount shall, before the recount is commenced and at the beginning of each day following, deposit with the elections official a sum as required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day. The money deposited shall be returned to the depositor if, upon completion of the recount, the candidate, slate of presidential electors, or the position on the measure (affirmative or negative) for which the declaration is filed is found to have received the plurality of votes cast which it had not received according to the official canvass or, in an election where there are two or more candidates, the recount results in the candidate for whom the recount was requested appearing on the ballot in a subsequent runoff election or general election who would not have so appeared in the absence of the recount. The depositor shall be entitled to the return of any money deposited in excess of the cost of the recount if the candidate, slate, or position on the measure has not received the plurality of the votes cast or, in an election where there are two or more candidates, the recount does not result in the candidate for whom the recount was requested appearing on the ballot in a subsequent runoff or general election as a result of the

recount. Money not required to be refunded shall be deposited in the appropriate public treasury.

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